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Presidential Primary Procedures: Special Instructions for Absent Voter Counting Boards

Special illustrated instructions which explain the unique steps absent voter counting boards must perform when processing absent voter ballots returned for the January 15, 2008 presidential primary are provided with this newsletter.

As explained in the procedures, if the QVF AV module was not used to issue absent voter ballots, the absent voter counting board must record each voter's ballot selection next to the voter's name on the absent voter list. (The absent voter counting board accomplishes this step by looking at the top of the ballot or referring to the ballot type selection attached to the Absent Voter Ballot Application.) As further explained in the procedures, if the QVF AV Module was used to issue absent voter ballots, the absent voter counting board does not have to record the voters' ballot selections as the ballot selections are already recorded in the QVF system.

Handling Extended FPCA Absent Voter Ballot Requests: New Procedure Added to Protect Voting Rights of Michigan Voters Outside U.S.
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Under Federal law, an absent uniformed services voter or an overseas civilian voter who submitted an FPCA in 2006 is automatically eligible to receive an absent voter ballot for the January 15, 2008 presidential primary. (It merits note that this allowance applies to both overseas uniformed services voters and domestic uniformed services voters. The article on this matter which appeared in *Election News*, Issue No. 52, referenced overseas military voters only.)

At this date, all absent military voters and overseas civilian voters who are automatically eligible to receive an absent voter ballot for the January 15, 2008 presidential primary should have been mailed or emailed information on the ballot type selection requirement associated with the presidential primary.

New Ballot Issuance Procedure for Voters Outside U.S. (Includes All APO and FPO Addresses)

If a military voter or civilian voter outside of the territorial limits of the United States who is automatically eligible to receive an absent voter ballot for the presidential primary does not submit a ballot type selection by Wednesday, December 12, 2007, immediately send the voter another ballot type selection form and both the Republican Party presidential primary ballot and the Democratic Party presidential primary ballot. In no event may this mailing be made any later than Friday, December 14, 2007. (It merits note that all voters with APO and FPO addresses are subject to the new ballot issuance procedures.)

If your jurisdiction is conducting a special election in conjunction with the presidential primary, also send the voter the “no party declaration” special election ballot. Enclose a letter and a large notice with the ballots which explain 1) that the voter can vote and return one of the ballots and 2) that the ballot type selection form must be appropriately marked and returned with the ballot. A suggested letter and notice are provided with this newsletter. Please note:

- In an instance where such a voter returns both a voted Republican Party presidential primary ballot and a voted Democratic Party presidential primary ballot, no vote counts.
- In an instance where such a voter returns both the Republican Party presidential primary ballot and the Democratic Party presidential primary ballot – and only one of the ballots is voted – the voted ballot shall be counted.
- In an instance where such a voter returns one of the ballots as required – but fails to return the ballot type selection form, the ballot shall be counted. The voter will not be penalized for making this error.
- In an instance where such a voter returns one of the ballots as required – but the returned ballot does not correspond to the ballot type selection marked on the ballot type selection form, the ballot shall be counted.

Ballot issuance considerations when implementing new procedure: When carrying out the new ballot issuance procedure, the associated recordkeeping must be manually performed; the QVF AV Module cannot be used for such voters because the AV Module will not permit the issuance of multiple presidential primary ballot styles to the same voter. The following describes the steps which must be followed:

- 1) After generating your final QVF AV list, write the name of each voter issued more than a single ballot style on the list.
- 2) Next to the voter's name note each ballot style and the serial number of each ballot style issued to the voter. Example:

R – 134

D – 112

N – 63 [If a “no party declaration” ballot is available in your jurisdiction.]

- 3) Instruct the election inspectors processing the returned AV ballots to indicate the ballot returned by the voter on the AV list. (This information will be needed for recording the voter's ballot selection in the QVF after the presidential primary.) Note:
 - If the voter returns both the Republican Party presidential primary ballot and the Democratic Party presidential primary ballot and one of the ballots can be counted as explained above, the election inspectors should indicate the ballot that can be counted on the AV list.
 - If the voter returns both the Republican Party presidential primary ballot and the Democratic Party presidential primary ballot and neither ballot can be counted as explained above, the election inspectors should make an appropriate notation on the AV list and in the remarks section of the Poll Book.

Jurisdictions that do not routinely use the QVF AV Module should follow the same procedure outlined above, however, all of the manual entries must be made in the List of Absent Voters booklet.

Point of emphasis: It is emphasized that the new procedure detailed above extends to military voters and civilian voters outside the territorial limits of the United States only; it does not extend to military voters or civilian voters inside the United States. An absent voter ballot for the presidential primary cannot be sent to a uniformed services voter inside the United States or a civilian voter inside the United States unless and until the voter submits a completed ballot type selection form.

Additional Reminders

Additional reminders regarding the handling of Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) forms are provided below:

- The Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) is a postage-free absent voter ballot application produced and distributed by the federal government. The following persons are eligible to use an FPCA to request an absent voter ballot:
 - 1) Members of the Armed Forces and their spouses and dependents.
 - 2) Members of the Merchant Marine and their spouses and dependents.
 - 3) U.S. citizens living or traveling outside of the territorial limits of the United States.
- A person who is eligible to use an FPCA to obtain an absent voter ballot may register up to 8:00 p.m. on the day of the election; the 30-day registration deadline is waived. If an individual submitting an FPCA is not registered to vote, the FPCA can be accepted as the voter's registration application.
- An FPCA may be used by one person only; if a husband and wife or several family members who are eligible to use an FPCA wish to obtain absent voter ballots, each must complete a separate FPCA form.
- HAVA requires local election officials to provide return notification in any instance where a voter registration application or absent voter ballot application submitted by an absent uniformed services voter or an overseas voter is rejected. The notification can be issued by any convenient means (letter, fax or email).
- HAVA required the Federal Voting Assistance Program office to prescribe a "standard oath" for use with any document submitted by voters under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA). The standard oath prescribed by the Federal Voting Assistance Program Office must be used in place of the oath prescribed under Michigan election law when sending an absent voter ballot to an absent uniformed services voter or overseas civilian voter. (The wording of the oath was included in the HAVA compliance memo issued through the Bureau on June 16, 2004.) The oath can be placed on the absent voter ballot return envelope with a sticker if necessary.

January 15, 2008 Presidential Primary: Questions and Answers

Answers to questions regarding the administration of the January 15, 2008 presidential primary which have been posed by county and local election officials are provided below:

When should I detach the ballot type selection portion of the Absent Voter Ballot Application from the application form?

After discussing this procedural point with clerks throughout the state, we now recommend that the ballot type selection portion of the Absent Voter Ballot Application not be detached unless and until someone demands to view the original Absent Voter Ballot Applications as permitted

under Michigan election law, MCL 168.760. In an instance where it is necessary to detach the ballot type selection portion of the Absent Voter Ballot Application from the application form, we further recommend that a photocopy of the entire form be made for recordkeeping purposes before the voter's ballot type selection is detached.

If my jurisdiction is not conducting a special election in conjunction with the presidential primary, can I ask my election supply vendor to eliminate the third ballot choice ("Ballot without Presidential Primary") on the Application to Vote/Ballot Selection Form and the Absent Voter Ballot Application?

Yes. As an alternative, the clerk of a jurisdiction that is not conducting a special election in conjunction with the presidential primary can "block out" the third ballot choice with a sticker or black marker.

Can the candidates who are participating in the presidential primary appoint challengers to serve in the polls or absent voter counting boards?

No. A candidate does not have the authority to appoint challengers. Of course, as is customary, the state central and county level political party organizations may appoint challengers to serve in the polls and absent voter counting boards at any time through the date of the election.

Can challengers view the party ballot selections made by voters who offer to vote at the presidential primary?

Yes. Michigan election law stipulates that challengers have a right to observe each person offering to vote and inspect the Applications to Vote, Poll Book, registration records and any other materials used to process voters at the polling place. As a consequence, there is nothing to prevent challengers from witnessing the party ballot selections made by voters who participate in the presidential primary.

In an instance where I receive an Absent Voter Ballot Application which does not show a ballot type selection, can I call the voter and obtain his or her ballot type selection over the phone?

No. Michigan election law, MCL 168.615c(1) as amended under PA 52 of 2007, stipulates that a voter's ballot type selection must be indicated "in writing." Thus, while an absentee voter can be advised by phone that he or she must make a ballot type selection in order to receive a ballot for the presidential primary, the voter must submit the ballot type selection in writing via a letter, an email or a fax.

In an instance where I receive an Absent Voter Ballot Application from a voter which does not include the voter's name and address on the ballot type selection portion of the form, can I fill this information in for the voter?

Yes. It merit note, however, there would be no real need to fill in the voter's name and address on the ballot type selection portion of the Absent Voter ballot Application unless and until it becomes necessary to detach the ballot type selection from the application form.

I anticipate that voters attending the polls to participate in the presidential primary will have questions regarding the four candidates who withdrew from the Democratic Party's presidential primary ballot. Should my election inspectors answer such questions? Can a notice or sign be posted in the polling place to explain the withdrawals?

No to both questions. Election inspectors who receive such questions should direct the voter to the instruction ballot posted in the polling place. If this does not satisfy the voter, the election inspectors should refer the voter to the clerk's office for whatever information or explanation the voter may be seeking.

Does the Poll Book supplied to my absent voter counting board for the presidential primary need to contain multiple ballot summaries?

No. A single ballot summary is all that is needed in the Poll Books supplied to absent voter counting boards.

<p>All Precinct Boards Must Implement Michigan's New Voter Identification Requirement at the January 15, 2008 Presidential Primary</p>

While Michigan's new voter identification requirement was successfully introduced at the November 6, 2007 election, the January 15, 2008 presidential primary will mark the first statewide implementation of the new requirement. As a consequence, all city and township clerks must ensure that their precinct boards are properly trained and fully equipped to administer the new requirement when issuing ballots to voters who participate in the presidential primary. The informational materials and forms which must be furnished in every precinct to ensure the proper implementation of the voter identification requirement are listed below:

- ☐ Instructions for implementing the new voter identification requirement. (Special instructions designed for distribution to election inspectors are provided with this newsletter.)
- ☐ Affidavit forms for voters who do not possess picture ID. (The Affidavit form appears on the reverse side of the special Application to Vote/Ballot Selection Form developed for the administration of the presidential primary. The form is available through commercial suppliers.)
- ☐ Voter processing flowcharts. (Available on Department's website.)
- ☐ Informational notice for voters. (Available on Department's website.)
- ☐ Notices needed for distribution to voters who must vote a provisional "envelope" ballot due to their inability to satisfy Michigan's voter identification requirement or the federal identification requirement. (Available on Department's website.)

All city and township clerks are advised to work with their precinct boards to compile the total number of voters who sign the “Affidavit of Voter Not in Possession of Picture Identification” form before voting in the presidential primary. Requests for this data after the election can be expected.

Election Resources Available on Department’s Website

A wide variety of election related information and materials can be accessed through the Department’s website <www.michigan.gov/sos>. To locate, click on “Elections in Michigan”; on the Elections in Michigan page, click on “Information for Election Administrators.” The information and materials currently available on the website include the following:

- Michigan election law.
- January 15, 2008 presidential primary calendar.
- May 6, 2008 election date calendar.
- 2008 August/November election dates.
- Provisional balloting implementation materials.
- Michigan voter identification requirement implementation materials.
- AutoMARK implementation materials.

Have a Question or Need Assistance?

If you have a question or need assistance with your election related duties, please do not hesitate to contact the Michigan Department of State’s Bureau of Elections. We will be happy to assist in any way possible!

Mailing address: Michigan Department of State
Bureau of Elections
PO Box 20126
Lansing, MI 48901-0726

Phone: (517) 373-2540

Email: elections@michigan.gov

Fax: (517) 373-0941

Presidential Primary Procedures: Special Instructions for Absent Voter Counting Boards

The following absentee ballot processing procedures are unique to the presidential primary:

I. Receiving AV Applications

While a variety of AV Application/Ballot Selection Forms may be used, the more commonly used styles are described below:

- An Absent Voter Ballot Application specifically designed for the presidential primary (Absent Voter Ballot Application/Ballot Selection Form).

Absent Voter Ballot Application/Ballot Selection Form
Application for absent voter ballot for the January 15, 2008 Presidential Primary

I, _____, a qualified and registered elector of the _____ Precinct of the _____ city of _____ or township of _____ in the County of _____ and State of Michigan, apply for an official ballot, or ballots, to be voted by me at the _____ presidential primary election as requested in this application.

You must select one ballot type below. If you do not select a ballot type, a ballot will not be issued to you.

The statutory grounds on which I base my request are (check applicable reason):

☐ I expect to be absent from the community in which I am registered for the entire time the polls are open on election day.

☐ I am physically unable to attend the polls without the assistance of another.

☐ I cannot attend the polls because of the tenets of my religion.

☐ I have been appointed an election precinct inspector in a precinct other than the precinct where I reside.

☐ I am 60 years of age or older.

☐ I cannot attend the polls because I am confined to jail awaiting arraignment or trial.

Send absent voter ballot to me at: _____ My registered address: _____

Street Address or R.R. _____ Street Address or R.R. _____

Post Office City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Post Office City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

I DECLARE THE FOREGOING STATEMENT TO BE TRUE

Sign Here: _____ Signature _____ Date _____

WARNING:

A person making a false statement in this absent voter ballot application is guilty of a misdemeanor. It is a violation of Michigan election law for a person other than those listed in the instructions to return, offer to return, agree to return, or solicit to return your absent voter ballot application to the clerk. An assistant authorized by the clerk who receives absent voter ballot applications at a location other than the office of the clerk must have credentials signed by the clerk. Ask to see his or her credentials before entrusting your application with a person claiming to have the clerk's authorization to return your application.

FILL OUT THIS BOTTOM PORTION ONLY IF YOU ARE ASSISTING A VOTER IN FILING THIS APPLICATION

Certificate of Authorized Registered Elector Returning Absent Voter Ballot Application

I certify that my name is _____; my address is _____, and my date of birth is _____. I am delivering the absent voter ballot application of _____ at his or her request; that I did not solicit or request to return the application; that I have not made any markings on the application; that I have not altered the application in any way; that I have not influenced the applicant; and that I am aware that a false statement in this certificate is a violation of Michigan election law.

Sign Here: _____ Signature _____ Date _____

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANTS FOR ABSENT VOTER BALLOTS

Step 1. After completely filling out the application, sign and date the application in the place designated. Your signature must appear on the application or you will not receive an absent voter ballot.

Step 2. Deliver the application by 1 of the following methods:

(a) Place the application in an envelope addressed to the appropriate clerk and place the necessary postage upon the return envelope and deposit it in the United States mail or with another public postal service, express mail service, parcel post service, or common carrier.

(b) Deliver the application personally to the office of the clerk, to the clerk, or to an authorized assistant of the clerk.

(c) In either (a) or (b), a member of the immediate family of the voter including a father-in-law, mother-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandparent, or grandchild or a person residing in the voter's household may mail or deliver the application to the clerk for the applicant.

(d) In the event an applicant cannot return the application in any of the above methods, the applicant may select any registered elector to return the application. The person returning the application must sign and return the certificate at the bottom of the application.

Important Note:
You must select one ballot type. If you do not select a ballot type, a ballot will not be issued to you.

SELECT BALLOT TYPE HERE

Please print full name _____

Street Address or R.R. _____

I hereby request the ballot type marked below for this election. (You must select one ballot type below. If you do not select a ballot type, a ballot will not be issued to you.)

SELECT ONLY ONE BALLOT TYPE:

☐ Republican Party Presidential Primary Ballot.

☐ Democratic Party Presidential Primary Ballot.

☐ Ballot without Presidential Primary (if available). Note: This ballot choice is for voters not voting in the presidential primary who wish to vote on local proposals or candidates (if on ballot).

Ballot Type Selection

- An Absentee Voter Ballot Selection Form stapled to a standard Absent Voter Ballot Application. The standard Absent Voter Ballot Application may be generated from the QVF or purchased from a forms vendor.

Complete and return to: **Application for Absent Voter's Ballot** Approved by _____

NORMAN RUSHING - TOWNSHIP CLERK
PAW PAW TOWNSHIP
PO BOX 28
114 N GLENN ST
PAW PAW MI 49079

ELECTION: 01/15/2008

As a duly qualified and registered elector in the County of VAN BUREN, Jurisdiction of PAW PAW TOWNSHIP, State of Michigan, I hereby make application for official ballot, to be voted by me at the above indicated election.

MARY ELIZABETH BARNETT
420 E SAINT JOSEPH ST
PAW PAW MI 49079

Check reason(s) why you are requesting ballot. If a reason is not checked for an election, an absentee ballot will not be issued for that election.

☒ I am 60 years of age or older.
☐ I expect to be absent from the community in which I am registered for the entire time the polls are open on Election Day.
☐ I am physically unable to attend the polls without the assistance of another.
☐ I cannot attend the polls because of the tenets of my religion.
☐ I have been appointed an election precinct inspector in a precinct other than the precinct where I reside.
☐ I cannot attend the polls because I am confined to jail awaiting arraignment or trial.

See reverse side for additional instructions and warnings.

SIGN HERE ☒ X

(SIGNATURE OF VOTER) (DATE)

NOTE: Michigan law requires that A.V. Ballots be sent to your registered address unless you are hospitalized, institutionalized, or at an address outside of your community. Complete the following ONLY if you want your ballot sent to an address outside of your community or to a hospital or other institution.

SEND ELECTION BALLOT TO:

(NO) (STREET) (CITY)

(POST OFFICE) (STATE) (ZIP)

(Clerk's Use Only)

Filed: 00001 Mailed: Returned: Ballot No: Clerk:

00001 01/15/2008

00001

01/15/2008

Ballot No: Voter No:

MARY ELIZABETH BARNETT
420 E SAINT JOSEPH ST
PAW PAW MI 49079

APPROVED

(Inspector of Election)

ABSENTEE VOTER BALLOT SELECTION FORM
-- January 15, 2008 Presidential Primary --

A standard absentee voter ballot application must be submitted with this form.

Please print full name _____

Street Address or R.R. _____

I hereby request the ballot type marked below for the January 15, 2008 presidential primary. (You must select **one** ballot type below. If you do not select a ballot type, a ballot will **not** be issued to you.)

SELECT ONLY ONE BALLOT TYPE:

☐ Republican Party Presidential Primary Ballot.
☐ Democratic Party Presidential Primary Ballot.
☐ Ballot without Presidential Primary (if available). Note: This ballot choice is for voters not voting in the presidential primary who wish to vote on local proposals or candidates (if on ballot).

**Ballot Type
Selection stapled
to AV Application**

Upon receipt of an AV application, the election official must issue the ballot type designated by the voter (Republican, Democratic, or No Party Declaration).

Complete and return to: **Application for Absent Voter's Ballot** Approved by _____

NORMAN RUSHING - TOWNSHIP CLERK
PAW PAW TOWNSHIP
PO BOX 28
114 N GLENN ST
PAW PAW MI 49079

ELECTION: 01/15/2008

As a duly qualified and registered elector in the County of VAN BUREN, Jurisdiction of PAW PAW TOWNSHIP, State of Michigan, I hereby make application for official ballot, to be voted by me at the above indicated election.

MARY ELIZABETH BARNETT
420 E SAINT JOSEPH ST
PAW PAW MI 49079

Check reason(s) why you are requesting ballot. If a reason is not checked for an election, an absentee ballot will not be issued for that election.

☒ I am 60 years of age or older.
☐ I expect to be absent from the community in which I am registered for the entire time the polls are open on Election Day.
☐ I am physically unable to attend the polls without the assistance of another.
☐ I cannot attend the polls because of the tenets of my religion.
☐ I have been appointed an election precinct inspector in a precinct other than the precinct where I reside.
☐ I cannot attend the polls because I am confined to jail awaiting arraignment or trial.

See reverse side for additional instructions and warnings.

SIGN HERE ☒ X *Mary Barnett*

(SIGNATURE OF VOTER) (DATE)

NOTE: Michigan law requires that A.V. Ballots be sent to your registered address unless you are hospitalized, institutionalized, or at an address outside of your community. Complete the following ONLY if you want your ballot sent to an address outside of your community or to a hospital or other institution.

SEND ELECTION BALLOT TO:

(NO) (STREET) (CITY)

(POST OFFICE) (STATE) (ZIP)

(Clerk's Use Only)

Filed: 00001 Mailed: Returned: Ballot No: Clerk:

00001 01/15/2008

00001

01/15/2008

Ballot No: Voter No:

MARY ELIZABETH BARNETT
420 E SAINT JOSEPH ST
PAW PAW MI 49079

APPROVED

(Inspector of Election)

ABSENTEE VOTER BALLOT SELECTION FORM
-- January 15, 2008 Presidential Primary --

A standard absentee voter ballot application must be submitted with this form.

Mary Elizabeth Barnett
Please print full name
420 East Saint Joseph St.
Street Address or R.R.

I hereby request the ballot type marked below for the January 15, 2008 presidential primary. (You must select **one** ballot type below. If you do not select a ballot type, a ballot will **not** be issued to you.)

SELECT ONLY ONE BALLOT TYPE:

☒ Republican Party Presidential Primary Ballot.
☐ Democratic Party Presidential Primary Ballot.
☐ Ballot without Presidential Primary (if available). Note: This ballot choice is for voters not voting in the presidential primary who wish to vote on local proposals or candidates (if on ballot).

- The voter must select a ballot type in order to receive a ballot.
- If the voter fails to select a ballot type, the election official should attempt to contact the voter and secure his or her ballot type selection via letter, email or fax. As an alternative, the voter may come into the clerk's office to submit his or her ballot selection in person.
- The AV Ballot Application/Ballot Selection Form is maintained by the election official to be delivered to the AV Counting Board on election day.

NOTE: While the ballot type selection may not be made available to the public, it is not necessary that the ballot type selection form be detached from the application.

II. Recording Voter History

If the AV Module was used to issue AV ballots, the AV Counting Board does not have to record the ballot type selection on the QVF generated AV list next to each voter's name. By using the AV Module, the voter's history (including ballot type selection) is automatically assigned in the QVF at the time the ballot is issued. As such, it is NOT necessary for election officials to manually assign voter history in the QVF after the election.

Note:
Duplicate
ballot
numbers
reflect
different
ballot
styles

12/05/2007

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AV LIST FOR PAW PAW TOWNSHIP (63000)

01/15/2008 - PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY - PAW PAW TOWNSHIP

WARD PRECINCT		00001						
Voter #	Ballot #	Spoiled #	Voter Name / Mailed To Address	Date App Received	Date Ballot Mailed/Issue	Date Ballot Returned	Invalid	
1	00000001		ADAMS, DEBORAH ANN 216 FAIRFIELD DR, PAW PAW MI 49079	12/05/2007	12/05/2007	12/05/2007		
2	00000001		ALBRIGHT, PAMELA L 715 W MICHIGAN AVE APT1, PAW PAW MI 49079	12/05/2007	12/05/2007	12/05/2007		
3	00000002		ALLEN, JEAN EVELYN 205 MILLER CT APT510-S, PAW PAW MI 49079	12/05/2007	12/05/2007	12/05/2007		
4	00000001		ALLEN, TENA LOUISE 602 E BERRIEN ST, PAW PAW MI 49079	12/05/2007	12/05/2007	12/05/2007		
5	00000002		ARNOLD, WILLIAM FREDERICK 110 W BERRIEN ST, PAW PAW MI 49079	12/05/2007	12/05/2007	12/05/2007		
6	00000002		BAKER, RICHARD W 501 E MICHIGAN AVE, PAW PAW MI 49079	12/05/2007	12/05/2007	12/05/2007		
7	00000003		BARNETT, MARY ELIZABETH 420 E SAINT JOSEPH ST, PAW PAW MI 49079	12/05/2007	12/05/2007	12/05/2007		
8	00000003		BEDFORD, RHONDA JEAN 403 N HARRIS ST, PAW PAW MI 49079	12/05/2007	12/05/2007	12/05/2007		
9	00000003		BETTS, WILLIAM CHRISTOPHER 624 ELM ST, PAW PAW MI 49079	12/05/2007	12/05/2007	12/05/2007		
10	00000004		BOGDA, DAVID JOHN 513 ELM ST, PAW PAW MI 49079	12/05/2007	12/05/2007	12/05/2007		
TOTALS:								
Voters	Ballots	Spoiled		Apps Received	Ballots Mailed/Issued	Ballots Returned	Invalid	
10	10	0		10	10	10	0	
GRAND TOTALS:								
Voters	Ballots	Spoiled		Apps Received	Ballots Mailed/Issued	Ballots Returned	Invalid	
10	10	0		10	10	10	0	

If the AV Module was not used to issue AV ballots, the AV Counting Board must determine each voter's ballot type selection – either by looking at the top of the ballot or by referring to the corresponding ballot type selection form attached to the AV application.

The AV Counting Board must record the voter's ballot type selection next to the voter's name on the AV list:

- Republican Ballot – Mark the voter's record with an “R”
- Democratic Ballot – Mark the voter's record with a “D”
- No Party Declaration Ballot – Mark the voter's record with an “N”

The list will be used by election officials following the election to assign voter history and ballot type selection in the QVF.

LIST OF ABSENT VOTERS TO WHOM BALLOTS WERE ISSUED

	NAME OF ABSENT VOTER	Ballot Number	Date Application Received	Date Ballot Mailed	Date Ballot Returned	ADDRESS WHERE BALLOTS WERE MAILED
D (1)	Deborah Adams	1	12/5/07	12/5/07	12/10/07	216 Fairfield Dr. Paw Paw, MI 49079
R (2)	Pamela Albright	1	12/5/07	12/5/07	12/10/07	715 W Michigan Ave Apt 2 Paw Paw, MI 49079
D (3)	Jean Allen	2	12/5/07	12/5/07	12/10/07	205 Miller Ct Apt 510-S Paw Paw, MI 49079
N (4)	Tena Allen	1	12/5/07	12/5/07	12/10/07	602 E Berrien St. Paw Paw, MI 49079
N (5)	William Arnold	2	12/5/07	12/5/07	12/10/07	110 W Berrien St. Paw Paw, MI 49079
R (6)	Richard Baker	2	12/5/07	12/5/07	12/10/07	501 E Michigan Ave Paw Paw, MI 49079
R (7)	Mary Barnett	3	12/5/07	12/5/07	12/10/07	420 E. Saint Joseph Paw Paw, MI 49079
D (8)	Rhonda Bedford	3	12/5/07	12/5/07	12/10/07	403 N. Harris St. Paw Paw, MI 49079
N (9)	William Betts	3	12/5/07	12/5/07	12/10/07	624 Elm St. Paw Paw, MI 49079
D (10)	David Bogda	4	12/5/07	12/5/07	12/10/07	513 Elm St. Paw Paw, MI 49079
(11)						

Suggested Overseas Voter Letter

December 7, 2007

Dear Overseas Military or Overseas Civilian Voter:

An overseas civilian or military voter who registered to vote in Michigan who submitted an FPCA for an election conducted in 2006 is automatically eligible to receive an absent voter ballot for Michigan's January 15, 2008 presidential primary.

Michigan's January 15, 2008 presidential primary will be conducted as a "closed" primary. Normally, all of Michigan's primaries are "open," meaning that a voter is not required to request a specific party's ballot. For the January 15 presidential primary all voters must indicate if they wish to receive the Democratic Party ballot, the Republican Party ballot or the "no party declaration" special election ballot (if any). We have not received your ballot type selection for the presidential primary at this date. Therefore, we are enclosing both the Republican Party presidential primary ballot and the Democratic Party presidential primary ballot. If your city or township of registration in Michigan is conducting a special election in conjunction with the presidential primary, we are also enclosing a "no party declaration" special election ballot.

YOU MAY ONLY VOTE 1 BALLOT!!! If you wish to vote, you must: 1) mark your ballot choice on the ballot selection form shown below 2) vote the ballot indicated on the ballot selection form and 3) return your voted ballot and the completed ballot selection form to the clerk of your city or township of registration in Michigan. Remember: you can only return one of the enclosed ballots. Do not return the ballot(s) you do not vote.

Please feel free to contact this office if you have any questions. [Enter contact information.]

Detach and return this portion of letter.

ABSENTEE VOTER BALLOT SELECTION FORM -- January 15, 2008 Presidential Primary --

Please print full name

Street Address or R.R.

I am enclosing the ballot type marked below for the January 15, 2008 presidential primary. (You must mark **one** ballot type below.)

MARK ONLY ONE BALLOT TYPE:

- ☐ Republican Party Presidential Primary Ballot.
- ☐ Democratic Party Presidential Primary Ballot.
- ☐ Ballot without Presidential Primary (if available). Note: This ballot choice is for voters not voting in the presidential primary who wish to vote on local proposals or candidates (if on ballot).

★ ★ ★ SPECIAL NOTICE ★ ★ ★

If you wish to participate in Michigan's January 15, 2008 presidential primary, you must:

- 1) Complete and return the enclosed "Absentee Voter Ballot Selection Form."**
- 2) Vote and return one of the enclosed ballots.**

NOTE: If you vote and return more than one of the enclosed ballots, no vote will count. Read enclosed letter carefully!



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Implementing Michigan's Voter Identification Requirement
-- Election Day Procedures for Election Inspectors --

Starting with the November 6, 2007 election, every Michigan voter who offers to vote at the polls must show picture identification or sign an affidavit attesting that he or she is not in possession of picture identification. A ballot cannot be issued to a voter unless the voter displays picture identification or signs the affidavit. Instructions for implementing this requirement are provided below:

STEP ONE: ASK EVERY VOTER FOR PICTURE ID

- After the voter completes the Application to Vote form, check the QVF list and ask the voter to show his or her Michigan driver's license or Michigan personal identification card. Be sure to ask all voters for picture ID. This includes those voters you personally know as the equal treatment of all voters is important!
- If the voter states that he or she is not carrying a Michigan driver's license or a Michigan personal identification card, ask the voter if he or she can show another form of current picture identification. Any of the following are acceptable:
 - Driver's license or personal identification card issued by another state.
 - Federal or state government-issued photo identification.
 - U.S. passport.
 - Military identification card with photo.
 - Student identification with photo from a high school or an accredited institution of higher education.
 - Tribal identification card with photo.

STEP TWO: FOLLOW PROCEDURE A OR B BELOW AS APPROPRIATE

A. Procedure if voter shows an acceptable form of picture ID

- Check the photo and name appearing on the picture ID to verify the voter's identity. As a part of this check, confirm that the name appearing on the picture ID matches the name entered by the voter on the Application to Vote. The name appearing on the picture ID does not have to exactly match the name on the Application to Vote or the name on the QVF list. For example, commonly used abbreviated names are acceptable such as Bill for William, Kathy for Kathryn. Initials that are representative of the voter's first name are also acceptable.
- If you have no questions over the voter's identity, give a ballot to the voter.
- If the voter shows an acceptable form of picture ID and questions over the voter's identity remain, go to "SPECIAL PROCEDURE IF PICTURE ID LEAVES VOTER'S IDENTITY IN QUESTION" below.

B. Procedure if voter is not in possession of acceptable picture ID

- A voter who states that he or she does not have picture ID must sign an "Affidavit of Voter Not in Possession of Picture Identification" before voting. Be sure to advise all voters who do not possess acceptable picture ID that they must sign the affidavit before voting. This includes those voters who you personally know as the equal treatment of all voters is important!
- The affidavit form can be used by 1) voters who do not have acceptable picture ID and 2) voters who have picture ID – but did not bring it to the polls.
- Any affidavit forms completed by voters must be returned to the clerk after the polls close. Follow the clerk's instructions for returning the forms. Be prepared to advise the clerk on the total number of voters who completed the affidavit form throughout the day.
- If the QVF list tells you that the voter must satisfy the federal identification requirement, go to "SPECIAL PROCEDURE IF VOTER IS SUBJECT TO THE FEDERAL IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENT" below.

SPECIAL PROCEDURE IF PICTURE ID LEAVES VOTER'S IDENTITY IN QUESTION

- As a first step, consider the age of the photo and any explanations the voter may wish to offer (weight gain or loss, hair style or facial hair alterations, different eyeglass frames, etc.). If that resolves the matter, give a ballot to the voter. If questions over the voter's identity remain, ask to view any other acceptable forms of picture identification that the voter may be carrying. If this does not resolve the matter, give the voter a provisional ballot and contact the clerk.
- The provisional ballot must be preserved as an "envelope" ballot. The completion of the Four-Step Procedure Form is not necessary. (The completion of the Four-Step Procedure Form is only necessary in instances where a voter's name does not appear on the QVF list.)
- When preserving the provisional ballot as an "envelope" ballot, you must 1) check the ID requirement box on the outside of the provisional ballot security envelope 2) mark the outside of the provisional ballot security envelope with the words "Michigan voter identification requirement" and 3) give the voter the required provisional balloting notices.

SPECIAL PROCEDURE IF VOTER IS SUBJECT TO THE FEDERAL IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENT

- If the QVF list tells you that the voter must satisfy the federal identification requirement, the voter must present one of the following documents before voting in the first election in which he or she wishes to participate: 1) an acceptable form of picture identification or 2) a paycheck, government check, utility bill, bank statement or a government document which lists the voter's name and address.
- Given the above, three situations could emerge when a voter is subject to the federal identification requirement:
 - **Voter displays picture identification:** Satisfies both the federal identification requirement and Michigan's voter identification requirement. Give the voter a ballot.
 - **Voter displays paycheck, government check, utility bill, bank statement or a government document which lists his or her name and address:** Satisfies the federal identification requirement. Voter must display picture identification to satisfy Michigan's voter identification requirement. If voter does not possess picture identification, he or she must sign the affidavit form developed for voters who do not possess picture identification before voting. After the voter displays picture ID or signs the affidavit, give the voter a ballot.
 - **Voter does not possess picture identification and is unable to produce a paycheck, government check, utility bill, bank statement or a government document which lists his or her name and address:** Voter must sign affidavit form developed for voters

who do not possess picture identification before voting. As the voter is unable to satisfy the federal identification requirement, give the voter a provisional ballot. After the voter has completed the voting process, the provisional ballot must be secured as an “envelope” ballot. When preserving the provisional ballot as an “envelope” ballot you must 1) check the ID requirement box on the outside of the provisional ballot security envelope 2) mark the outside of the provisional ballot security envelope with the words “Federal voter identification requirement” and 3) give the voter the required provisional balloting notices. The completion of the Four-Step Procedure Form is not necessary. (The completion of the Four-Step Procedure Form is only necessary in instances where a voter’s name does not appear on the QVF list.)

ADDITIONAL IMPLEMENTATION POINTS

A number of important points to remember when administering Michigan’s voter identification requirement are provided below:

- A voter not in possession of picture ID who refuses to sign the affidavit form cannot vote and should be referred to the local clerk. This is the same procedure used for voters who refuse to complete an Application To Vote: no ballot is issued. Such a voter would not be eligible for a provisional ballot.
- A voter who claims to have picture ID but refuses to show it cannot vote and should be referred to the local clerk. The voter does not have the option of signing the affidavit form as the affidavit is designed for voters not in possession of picture identification. Such a voter would not be eligible for a provisional ballot.
- A picture ID that does not show the voter’s residential address is acceptable.
- A voter cannot be challenged just because he or she is not in possession of picture ID or did not bring picture ID to the polls and signs the affidavit in order to vote. Of course, as is the case with any voter, a voter who is unable to show picture ID can be challenged if a challenger or an election inspector has “good reason to believe” that the person is not qualified to vote in the precinct.
- As a challenger may challenge election procedures that are not being properly performed, a challenge may be made if an election inspector attempts to issue a ballot to a voter who has not shown picture ID or signed an affidavit. Also, a challenger may challenge the ballot of a voter if the challenger has “good reason to believe” the person is not properly registered. Consequently, a challenge may be issued if a voter provides picture ID with an address that is different than the address on the precinct’s QVF list.